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Schools receive good report card

Tests show improvement by students

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City students continue to hold their own on standardized tests, according to the results of the 1994-95 state report card released last week.

Ron Stern, director of elementary education for the school district, and Tom Holloway, director of secondary education, expressed satisfaction at continued student improvement on the standardized tests.

Stern said district students improved in six of the eight areas tested by the Illinois Goal Assessment Program (IGAP). Holloway said the schools are taking action to correct areas where the district falls short of expectations.

While the district's graduation rate continues to be well below the state average, for example, an award-winning program, Positive Learning with Us (PLUS), has been implemented in an effort to retain students. Following are some of the findings of the report card.

DISTRICTWIDE — 99.6 percent of parents-guardians made at least one contact with their children's teacher during the year — much better than the state average of 93.6 percent.

The school district continues to be dominated ethnically: 95.8 percent of all students are white, 1.9 percent are black, 1.5 percent are Hispanic,

The district continues to operate efficiently. Operating expenditure per pupil is \$4,677, considerably less than the state average of \$5,705 per pupil.

.7 percent Asian-Pacific Islander and .1 percent Native American.

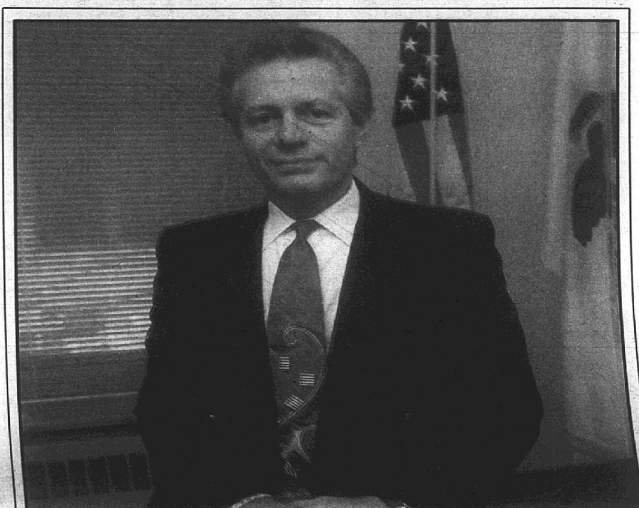
At 34.4 percent, the district has slightly more students from low-income families than the state average of 34.0 percent.

Attendance last year was 92.1 percent, slightly worse than the state average of 93.4 percent. Similarly, student mobility in the district is slightly higher than the state average. Twenty-one percent of district students moved (either out of or within the district) compared with 19.3 percent statewide.

Chronic truancy continues to be a chronic problem at 8 percent, well above the state average of 2.4 percent.

Average class size is 23.7 students, four more than the state average.

The average teacher in the district has 16.4 (See REPORT, Page 2A)



Circuit Clerk Matt Melucci

Melucci takes political road

By Ron Wisdom
Staff writer

Profile

For Matt Melucci, the winding road of politics has led to Edwardsville as the circuit clerk of Madison County.

Melucci was elected to that position in 1992 and prior to that he served in Washington, D.C., as chief of staff to U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville.

Melucci is originally from New Jersey. He graduated from Rutgers University before joining the U.S. Army in 1987.

After he was discharged from the service in 1989, he came here for a job opportunity and earned a master's degree from St. Louis University.

His undergraduate study was in city planning, but it slowly progressed towards public administration.

From 1975 to 1979, he served as the first director of administration for the Madison County Board.

After that, he was executive director of the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, which is the St. Louis area's council of local government. He served in that capacity for more than four years.

"I have had several opportunities ... to get (See MELUCCI, Page 2A)

County finances 'smooth'

Madison County is on a smooth financial course, County Board members were told last week before they adopted a \$74.8 million budget for the fiscal year beginning Dec. 1.

The balanced budget projects a small growth in general fund revenues and a modest increase in expenditures. Finance Committee Chairman William Little of Alton said, praising county officials for their prudence.

"The cooperation of our departments in saving money where possible, keeping expenditures within the budgeted amounts and successfully managing their personnel to continue to provide efficient public services has been outstanding," Little said.

The spending plan calls for \$25.6 million in general fund expenditures, up about \$1.6 million from this year. The rest of the budget is funded by special taxes, grants and other sources.

Also approved was a \$17.7 million county tax levy for fiscal 1996 that is expected to result in a tax rate about the same as last year. (See COUNTY, Page 2A)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Mayoral reading — Granite City Mayor Ron Selph talks to a group of children at Head Start after reading to them. His efforts were a part of the local celebration of Literacy Week.

Help for holiday leftovers

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Sharon Van Meter, chef and owner of Jessica's Cottage in Granite City, calls proper storage the key to Thanksgiving leftovers.

"We take everything off the bone," she said.

The turkey should be refrigerated as soon as possible. Van Meter prefers using plastic wrapping.

"I usually separate the white meat from the dark meat just because I work with a lot of recipes that have white meat,

and I use dark meat for casseroles and soups.

"Normally cooked turkey or any cooked meat has to go into something that is like a casserole or a sandwich, and that is when liquids are added to it," she said.

Her soufflé turkey and Swiss sandwiches and stuffed turkey-broccoli pockets are two

variations on the sandwich theme.

Soufflé Turkey and Swiss Sandwiches

- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. dried dill
- 4 chopped scallions
- 8 slices whole wheat bread, toasted
- 8 dill pickles, sliced thin
- 1 lb. sliced cooked turkey breast
- 4 egg whites
- 1 1/2 cups grated Swiss cheese
- 1/2 tsp. paprika
- 1/4 tsp. fresh ground pepper
- 1 tsp. salt

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5 DAY FORECAST

John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDK NewsChannel 5

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
45° / 31°	44° / 30°	46° / 35°

Happy Thanksgiving from KSDK and Suburban Journals

Bridge opening this week

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Replacing an additional beam on the old Chain of Rocks Bridge delayed its reopening to normal traffic.

The bridge was expected to be open Tuesday, according to Illinois Department of Transportation officials Monday.

The bridge has been closed to heavy trucks since late September because of structural problems discovered during an IDOT inspection.

Initial repairs were made by IDOT crews, and Keeley & Sons, Inc., of East St. Louis, was recently awarded the \$374,850 contract to finish repairs. The repairs had been scheduled to be completed in early November, but were delayed after IDOT added the installation of a new beam to the contract.

"We added one item to the contract," Dale Klorer, IDOT district engineer, said.

That item was a main beam, and the (See BRIDGE, Page 2A)

Special bus offers special price: free

If you board a Bi-State bus adorned with colorful Christmas decorations of a sleigh full of gifts pulled by Rudolph, then put your fare or pass back in your pocket.

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years of experience, compared to the state average of 14.2 years. While 68.4 percent of Granite City teachers hold bachelor's degrees and 30.6 percent hold master's degrees or higher, the state average is 56 percent bachelor's and 43.8 percent master's or higher.

The average district teacher's salary remains higher than the state average while the converse is true for administrators. The average district teaching salary is \$40,674, compared to the state average of \$39,505; the average administrator's salary is \$60,072 compared to the state average of \$64,835.

The district continues to operate efficiently. Operating expenditure per pupil is \$4,677, considerably less than the state average of \$5,705 per pupil.

Broken down by grade level, here are some statistics from the report card.

HIGH SCHOOL

The graduation rate is 88.1 percent, considerably lower than the state average of 80.7 percent. The graduation rate is computed by counting the number of students who graduated in 1995 who were enrolled as freshmen in 1991.

Principal Bill Rotter noted that the local graduation rate would be about 73 percent if those students who graduated from summer school were included.

Between 1991 and 1993, the State Board of Education established performance standards for reading, math, writing, science and social science. Student performance on IGAP standardized tests is placed in one of three levels: "meets" for those who meet state goals; "do not meet" for those who fall short of expectations; and "exceeds" for those who surpass standards.

Most GCHS tenth graders who were tested performed at the level of expectation in reading and math, but 68 percent fell into the "do not meet goals" category in writing. Only 4 percent of GCHS tenth graders exceeded the state goals in writing.

Eleventh graders were tested in science and social science and generally performed at the level expected.

The average test score on the ACT (American College Testing Program) was 21.0, one-tenth of a point higher than last year and two-tenths higher than the national average, but one-tenth below the state average.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

The majority of seventh grade students in the district tested fell into the "meets" category in science and in social science, and most of the eighth grade students tested performed at the level expected in reading, math and writing.

However, a larger percentage of district eighth grade students than expected fell into the "do not meet" category in reading. School officials say the implementation of the middle school concept in seventh and eighth grades allows more time for study in the "core" classes and that scores should improve over the next few years.

ELEMENTARY

Sixth grade: Scores improved in the three subjects tested — reading, math and writing. Reading scores exceeded the state average for the first time.

In writing, 50 percent of the students exceeded state expectations and at least 90 percent exceeded or met state standards.

Fourth grade: Scores improved in social science and remained about the same in science. A majority of students fell into the "meets" category in each subject, with a larger percentage exceeding goals than falling short of expectations.

Third grade: Writing scores were the highest ever for the district, although most students scored in the "meets" range. Math scores improved slightly over last year, while reading scores declined for the first time in four years.

Students at several schools in the district performed extremely well.

Although school officials are quick to discourage comparison of individual scores because of varying demographics, outstanding performance by entire classes of students merits recognition.

At Worthen Elementary School, for example, 100 percent of the sixth grade students tested either met or exceeded goals in writing and in math and 100 percent of third graders met or exceeded in writing.

At Wilson Elementary School, 100 percent of sixth graders tested met or exceeded goals in writing.

At Niedringhaus Elementary School, 100 percent of the sixth grade students tested met or exceeded expectations in writing.

At Marshall Elementary School, 100 percent of sixth graders tested landed in the meets or exceeds category in writing, as did 100 percent of the sixth graders tested at Frohardt Elementary School.

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delay occurred because officials were waiting for it to be delivered.

That beam supports others, and those beams support the bridge deck.

Most of the traffic on the bridge is trash trucks going to the landfill operated by Waste Management, Inc. on Chouteau Island. Vehicles have been limited to 15 tons for single units, and 20 tons for double units (tractor-trailers). The normal legal load is 40 tons.

Vehicles are also restricted to 10 miles per hour on the bridge.

Since the restrictions, the number of vehicles using the bridge has been cut by more than half, and the amount of refuse put into the landfill has decreased to about 100 tons per day from 1,200 tons.

Most of the traffic going to Chain of Rocks has been diverted to the Millam landfill.

Earlier this year, IDOT officials announced the bridge would be renovated, rather than build an interchange on Interstate 270 to allow continued access to the island.

•County

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same as this year's \$7.5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Highlights of the new budget include spending for a pilot drug court program, the county's new Health Department and additional operating costs of the expanded juvenile detention home.

In other action Wednesday, the board:

•Approved a free, confidential counseling and referral program for county employees.

•Approved a prescription drug program to be part of the county's self-funded health benefits plan.

— From the Alton Telegraph

•Melucci

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involved in political things," said Melucci, referring to his work with the county board, the East-West Gateway Council and his stint in Washington, D.C.

In 1983 Melucci started his own consulting firm, Executive Services.

He said the business offered problem-solving consultation to small businesses and local municipalities. Those projects included solid waste and the light rail program.

Melucci said he gave up the day-to-day control of the business when he went to work for Costello. When he ran for circuit clerk, he then sold the business.

"I was the Madison County coordinator for Jerry Costello when he ran for Congress and he asked me to go to Washington with him to be his first chief of staff," he explained. "That was quite an experience."

Melucci worked for Costello in Washington, D.C., for three years, but kept his residence in Collinsville. While in Washington, he handled most of the public correspondence for the office.

Melucci said it was exactly one month after he left Costello's office that he announced that he was running for clerk of the circuit court.

Melucci said his work with the court is actually no different from anything else he has done, except that he had to campaign and run for the position.

"Our primary responsibility is to serve the judiciary with the appropriate clerical and administrative support in order for the judges to be able to do their jobs," he said. "They just need to be able to concentrate on their jobs."

So what lies ahead in politics for Melucci?

Well, for now, he is gearing up for his re-election in 1996 and has no intentions of leaving his home in Collinsville.

"I do have my petitions out now, gathering signatures, so I will be filing and declaring ... my candidacy (in December)," he said.

Who is area's best elected officeholder?

The Quad-Cities area is home to scores of elected officials. Granite City, Madison, Venice and Pontoon Beach are home to elected officials at the township, city and county level, including municipal government, school boards, library boards and park boards.

Residents tend to feel strongly about their elected officials, who set policy that affects daily life and spend hard-earned tax dollars.

We're asking readers of the *Granite City Press-Record* and *Granite City Journal* to help us honor the area's best elected official.

Voting has begun for best elected official. The voting is part of our monthly "Best Bet" feature in which we seek the best of a particular category, selected by our readers.

Nominations for Best Bet can come from any community in the Granite City coverage area, including Madison, Mitchell, Venice, Pontoon Beach and Brooklyn.

To vote, call 344-2340 before 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving). You will be asked to leave a recorded vote.

Please include the name of the person you think is the best elected official, as well as his official title and home town.

After you've voted, hang up and your vote will be recorded.

The winner will be announced in the Nov. 30 issue of the *Press-Record*.

In last month's Best Bet contest, for best pastor, the Rev. Eddie Linhart of Foursquare Church took top honors.

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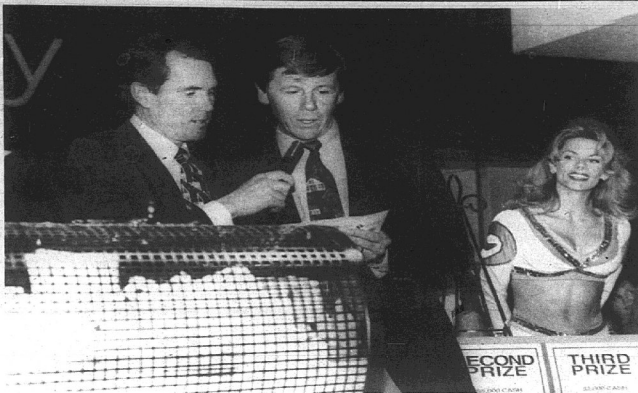
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Mark Fulford announces the winner in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters raffle as MC Craig Virgin, left, and Rams cheerleader Melissa Pennell of Granite City look on.

Early Christmas present

Belleville man wins house in benefit raffle

By Rosemary Hicks
Staff writer

He told his friends all month he was going to win, but when the call came last week, Noel P. Schott of Belleville did not believe it.

Christmas came early for Schott, 65, when he became the grand prize winner of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois House Raffle.

Wednesday night Big Brothers/Big Sisters officials pulled out the names of the 40 winners in order, then built up the suspense by leaving the grand prize winners name until last.

Joanne Kramer of St. Louis won second prize, \$5,000. The \$2,000 third prize went to Theaha Harlan of East St. Louis. Winners of prizes four through 40 received \$200.

As the grand prize winner, Schott has the choice of being the proud owner of a \$185,000 house or \$100,000 cash.

"I haven't made a decision yet," Schott said Friday. "I'm investigating the tax difficulties. I'll probably take

the house though. I went out to see the model they have, and it is beautiful. I think my two dogs would really like it and so would my girlfriend."

He said with a smile that if he took the money, he would probably spend half on wine and women, and then spend the other half foolishly.

Schott was one of 3,200 people in the Greater St. Louis area who bought one of the \$100 tickets for the chance at winning the \$185,000 Fulford Home, located in the Manors at Woodfield off Old Collinsville Road. More than one-third of the tickets were sold the week before the drawing.

More than 500 people packed into St. Clair Square Wednesday, anxiously awaiting the results. Schott, however, was not able to make the drawing.

"I had company here at home," he said. "I wanted to go to the drawing, but couldn't get away. I'm definitely going to buy another ticket next year. This was a great fund raiser."

Schott will also celebrate his

birthday Nov. 24, and said he plans to have a big party to celebrate his good fortune.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois have not yet determined how much money the house raffle will produce for the program. The amount will not be determined until Schott has reached a decision and other expenses are deducted from the proceeds.

"We are just delighted that the tickets were sold out," said Barbara Cempura, executive director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois. "The proceeds will be used to recruit, screen and train volunteers to work with the 145 children we have on our waiting list. The computer systems will also be updated."

She said that while Big Brothers/Big Sisters receives some money from grants, 90 percent of its funding is through private contributions, special events and fund raising.

The area program serves approximately 385 youths from Madison and St. Clair counties.

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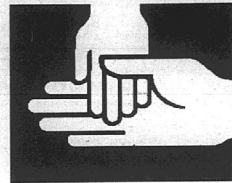
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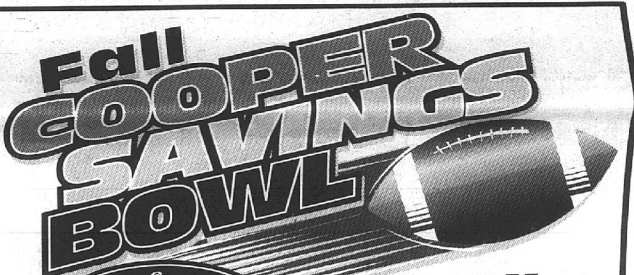
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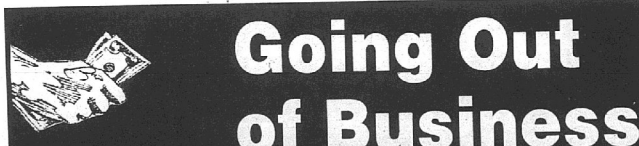
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**Fairview seeks baseball championships**By Martin Richter
Staff writer

Fairview Heights is making a pitch to host the 1996 World Baseball Championships, which would bring the best 15- and 16-year-old players from a dozen countries — and hopefully thousands and thousands of tourist dollars.

The president of the Switzerland-based International Baseball Association, Richard Belec,

toured Longacre Park on Nov. 10. Fairview Heights Parks and Recreation Director Terry Wilson said Belec would like to see the tournament held here.

Wilson said Belec will prepare a report on his site visit to Fairview Heights, and the IBA will review the report and vote on whether to hold the tournament here.

The tournament will consist of teams made up of 18 players, ages 15 and 16, selected from each country.

The level of competition, and of interest, should be extremely high, Wilson said. "You've got the best of the best," he said. "This would be the No. 1 tournament in that age group."

"There's a minimum of 12 teams that need to be here. That's a pretty good number, because right now there are 12 countries that are pretty competitive in baseball."

"We're talking about Japan, China, Australia, Italy,

probably Belgium, the Dominican Republic, South Africa, Cuba, Mexico..." he said.

There will be costs involved with hosting the tournament, including paying for technical staff, transportation, food and housing for players and coaches. There will be no home stays for this tournament; all players would stay in dormitories or motels.

Wilson estimated the cost could be around \$200,000. He said the city will look for corporate sponsors for the tournament.

Fairview Heights hosted the Pan Am games, an international baseball tournament for 11- and 12-year-olds, at Longacre Park in August. The city also has hosted the Prairie State Games, and the City Council has agreed to express interest in the 1996 Pan Am games for 15- and 16-year-olds.

"With the Pan Am games last year, talking to the businesses and the different restaurants in town, it was probably the best thing we ever did," Wilson said. "The Brazilian team last year in 3 1/2 hours in the Sports Authority spent \$20,000."

And, Wilson said, the World Baseball Championships should be a much bigger draw than the Pan Am games. For example, the teams from Japan and China bring large groups of followers with them, he said.

"A world tournament like that should draw lots of people in, especially with 15- and 16-year-olds," Wilson said. "Basically, it doesn't get any better than that in the world, and to have it in Fairview will be a big boom."

Mayor Gail Mitchell agreed. "I look for it to be a big, big plus for the city," he said.

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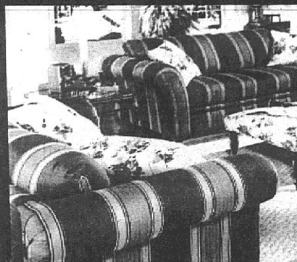
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Whip mayonnaise, dill, scallions and fresh ground pepper. Spread one side of each slice of toast with the mixture. Top with pickle slices and turkey.
Beat egg whites until stiff and fold in Swiss cheese, paprika and salt.
Spread egg white/cheese mixture evenly over top of

turkey.
Place in preheated broiler for 1 minute or until topping is puffed and golden.
Serves eight.

Stuffed Turkey-Broccoli Pockets

1½ cups cooked turkey, cubed

1 cup broccoli
1 tsp. tarragon
½ tsp. salt
1 tsp. sherry
2 cups heavy cream
4 oz. cream cheese
¼ cup flour
½ cup butter
13 puff pastry sheets

Make a roux with the butter and flour, add heavy cream,

sherry, tarragon and salt. Cook until thick, then add the cream, cheese, turkey and broccoli.
Chill the mixture.
Roll puff pastry and fill pocket with turkey mixture. Seal and glaze puff pastry pocket with an egg. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes or until golden brown.
Serves 8-10.
"You can make some interesting things with turkey," she said.
"The other thing is cold salads."
One of those is her curried turkey salad.

Curried Turkey Salad

1½ cups mayonnaise
¼ cup plain yogurt

2 tsp. curry powder
½ cup brown sugar
½ cup Major Grey's chutney
1 cup chopped scallions
2 cups finely chopped celery
2 cups seedless red grapes
8 cups sliced cooked turkey breast

Whip mayonnaise, yogurt, curry, brown sugar and chutney. Add the rest of the ingredients, combine and chill.
Serve on a bed of lettuce and garnish with toasted cashews.

Serves 12.
Van Meter said turkey is very versatile.
"You can substitute turkey in

any recipe that calls for chicken," she said.

One time-saving technique also gives her turkey stock.

To decrease the roasting time for turkeys, she said restaurants will parboil the turkey in large stock pots. For an 8-12 pound bird, she said to parboil a defrosted turkey for about 45 minutes and then put it into the oven with a foil tent for two hours. The foil tent should be removed for the last 45 minutes and buttered in the last half-hour.

"Any time we boil out chicken or turkey or any stock with bones and meat in it I always save it," she said.

Van Meter said she adds mixed vegetables and reduces the stock by about three-fourths.

She said dressing can also be used for a number of things. "I don't like to keep stuffing too long," she said. "I'll keep it for a day or maybe two. We do a chicken soup with balls of stuffing in, almost similar to a matzo ball."

"We also do a breast of chicken at the restaurant with apricots and almonds," she said. "We add apricots and apples to the stuffing and we stuff it in chicken breasts and serve it with a red pepper sauce."

"It's kind of neat," she added. Potatoes are also saved.

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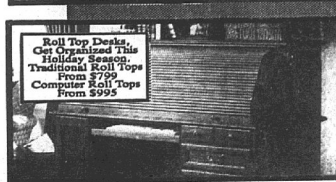
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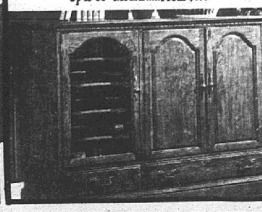
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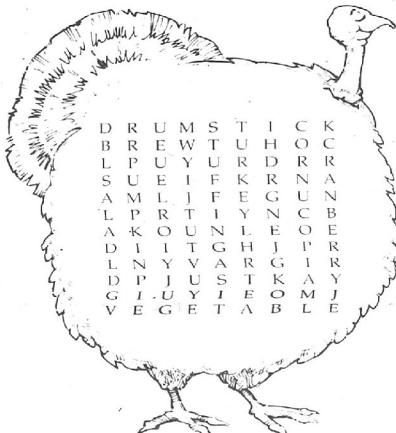
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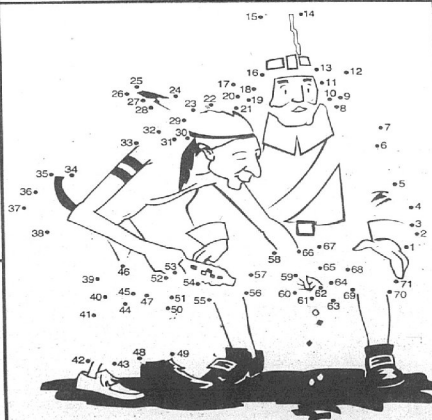


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Emmett Dierkes

Emmett C. Dierkes, 82, of Granite City died at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, 1995, at Sunset Hill Care Center in Union, Mo., where he had been a patient for 17 months. Mr. Dierkes was born June 2, 1913, in Venice and had been a lifelong resident of Granite City.

A pattern maker with Granite City Steel for 30 years prior to his retirement in 1976, he served in the U.S. Army from

1943 to 1946. He was of the Catholic faith. Survivors include his wife, Vivian Ilene (Hill) Dierkes, whom he married March 11, 1939, in Bourbon, Mo.; two daughters, Janet Ezell of Venice and Dorothy Taylor of Granite City; one stepson, Paul Cain of Tucson, Ariz.; one stepdaughter,

Pat Lampston of Granite City; one brother, Ralph Dierkes of Cedarhill, Mo.; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Pamela Conway. Services were Monday at Mercor Mortuary in Granite City with the Rev. Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for the American Heart Association.

Joseph Wickham

Joseph "Red" Wickham, 78, of Granite City died Saturday, Nov. 18, 1995. He was born in Tusculuma, Mo., and had been a resident of Granite City for 55 years.

An international staff representative and sub-district director of United Steel Workers of America District 34 in St. Louis prior to his retirement May 1, 1978, he began in 1958 serving the membership of various local unions throughout the greater St. Louis area.

In 1973, he was appointed sub-district director in St. Louis,

comprising approximately 60 local unions. From 1967 to his retirement, he served and held the position as vice president of both the Missouri State, AFL-CIO and the Greater St. Louis Labor Council of the AFL-CIO.

Mr. Wickham was a lifetime Mason, attending Granite City Masonic Lodge 877. He was a past commander and life member of AMVETS Post 51 in Granite City and a World War II Army Air Corps veteran. He was an avid bass fisherman, ama-

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tear CB operator and a master story teller.

Survivors include one son, Douglas H. Wickham of Hillsboro, Mo.; two daughters, Mary Jo Akman of Granite City and Charlotte Hodge of Riverside, Calif.; three brothers, Jim Wickham of Tucson, Ariz., Gerald Wickham of Albuquerque, N.M., and Harold Wickham of St. Louis; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Pauline Wickham; and his parents, Ray and Lucy (Lurton) Wickham.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 23, at Irwin Chapel, 3860, Maryville Road in Granite City, where services are at 10 a.m. Friday.

Graveside services and burial are at 2:30 p.m. Friday in Iberia Cemetery in Iberia, Mo.

Agnes Jacobs

Agnes (Bartlett) Jacobs, 72, of Fenton, Mo., formerly of Washington Park, died Sunday, Nov. 19, 1995. She was born Nov. 5, 1923, in East St. Louis.

Co-owner of Jacobs Tavern in Washington Park for 20 years, she was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Auxiliary in Arnold, Mo.

Survivors include her husband, August Jacobs; three daughters, Karen (Paul) Mooney of Fenton; Rusty Schank of Granite City and Peggy Munton of High Ridge, Mo.; two brothers, William "Jack" Bartlett Jr.

of Ava, Ill., and Frank Bartlett of Alton; four sisters, Ellen Newton and Francine King, both of Alton; Mary Dolores Rhyme of Alton and Peggy Rhyme of Cahokia; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Marie (Spain) Bartlett.

Services were Wednesday at Kassy Mortuary Ltd. in Fairview Heights with the Rev. Walter Evland officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County.

Harry Mitchell

Captain Harry "Mitch" Mitchell, 86, of Granite City died at 10:25 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, 1995, at his residence, following a one-year illness. He was born June 19, 1909, in Granite City, where he had been a lifelong resident.

A police captain with the city of Granite City for 31 years prior to his retirement in 1985, he served as chief of detective officers. Mr. Mitchell was a member of the Madison County Police Association, the Police Benevolent Protective Association of Illinois and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1300 in Granite City. He was a Korean War Navy veteran and of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda (Fuller) Mitchell, whom he married Feb. 15, 1977; one son, Michael F. Mitchell of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; five daughters, Toni K. Mitchell of Ignacio, Colo., Lynda A. Pyles, Lisa M. Coleman and Patricia A. Mitchell, all of Granite City, and Mary L. Adams of Troy; his mother, Vivian (White) Mitchell of Granite City; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harry L. Mitchell. Graveside services and burial were held Wednesday in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County.

A memorial service was held Wednesday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Allen Heller officiating.

Sue Doyle

"Sue" Maude Susan (Thomson) Doyle, 88, of Granite City, formerly of Dover, Tenn., died at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where she had been a patient for 11 days.

Born Jan. 16, 1937, in Dover, she had been a resident of Granite City for 42 years. A homemaker, she was a volunteer with the Salvation Army in Granite City for four years.

Mrs. Doyle attended kindergarten through eighth grade at Fairview Elementary School in

Dover without missing a single day.

Survivors include three daughters, Pamela Sue Knight of Hartford, Tammy Lynn Schuppach of Dallas and Donna Maria Schwen of Duncanville, Texas; four brothers, Milford Thomson of Dover, Freeman Thomson of St. Louis, Eugene Thomson of Edwardsville and Donald Ray Thomson of Granite City; seven sisters, Alene Robertson and Marcella Eastep, both of Granite City, Galtie Parrish of Cape Girardeau, Mo., Marjorie Wallace of Hesperia, Calif., Sallie Newman of Union, Mo., and Nona Harris and Virginia Joiner, both of Dover; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Allen Matthew Thomson and Lockey Marie (Fitzhugh) Thomson.

Rosalia Hadaller

Rosalia C. Hadaller, 93, of Granite City, formerly of Effingham, died at 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, 1995, at her residence, following a 20-year illness. She was born Oct. 13, 1902, in Effingham and had been a resident of Granite City for 75 years.

Mrs. Hadaller was of the Protestant faith. Survivors include one brother, Theodore Hadaller of Granite

City; one nephew; and three nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Mary (Autenbrock) Hadaller; four brothers, Walter, Mathias, George and Marshall Hadaller; and five sisters, Anna Hadaller, Kathryn Cox, Frances Smith, Josephine Murray and Marie Hamilton.

Services were Tuesday at Mercer Mortuary in Granite City with the Rev. Scott Kroemer officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Firing ranges to be opened

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The ranges will open to the public free of charge from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 11. Shotgun deer season dates are Nov. 17 through 19 and Nov. 31 through Dec. 3. Hunters are encouraged to call the state police headquarters nearest them to make an appointment.

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Gambling revenue down at Alton Belle

Gambling revenue in October at the Alton Belle Casino was down about 16 percent from a year earlier.

The casino's adjusted gross receipts were \$6,646,902, compared to \$7,810,348 in October 1994, according to statistics released by the Illinois Gaming Board.

Alton Belle officials could not be reached for comment on the decline. However, one likely factor is that Missou-

ri casinos were not permitted to have slot machines last year.

The number of admissions also declined, to 206,341 last month compared to 223,765 a year earlier and 216,226 in September. Average loss per passenger was \$52 in October, down from \$55 a year earlier but the same as in September.

The casino's revenue also was down about 6 percent from September.

Five other Illinois floating casinos also had revenue declines from September: the Casino Queen in East St. Louis, Casino Rock Island, the Silver Eagle in East Dubuque, Hollywood Casino in Aurora, and Players Casino in Metropolis.

Revenue was up in October at the Par-A-Dice in East Peoria, the Empress and Harrah's casinos in Joliet and the Grand Victoria in Elgin.

Rules of road course being offered

Secretary of State George H. Ryan, in cooperation with the Granite City Council of Senior Citizens, is offering a Rules of the Road review course for all citizens in the Granite City area. This course is free to everyone of any age.

The two-hour course is designed to answer questions about the Rules of the Road and to assist participants in preparation for examination. Topics include written, vision and road tests.

The Rules of the Road review course will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 27, at the Granite City Township Hall Building. Preregistration is not required.

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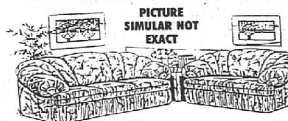
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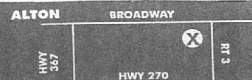


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The interactive sports theme park is in St. Louis for only a few more days.

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Untested wrestling team begins new varsity season

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The varsity lineup is set, and Granite City is to begin its ninth season under Mike Garland with a dual meet against O'Fallon on Tuesday. Garland has set in place his 13 wrestlers that will compete on the varsity level in the O'Fallon match.

"This lineup is largely untested, although some of the younger guys do have varsity experience," he said. "But a couple matches is a lot different than 50."

"But this is what they've been working towards, and hopefully they are as prepared as can be."

Preview

The lineup features seven seniors, three juniors and three sophomores. One of those sophomores is 100-pounder Adam Donovan, who will man the Warriors' lowest weight class. John Kelly, another sophomore, will wrestle at 112, while senior Bob Chaulsett will move up to

119 pounds. Mike Glover returns for his junior year at 125, and Kevin Feigenbutz will wrestle his senior year at 130. Jonas Janek, the other sophomore, is the choice for 135, and junior David Thompson will wrestle at 140.

FIVE OF THE FINAL six spots are seniors, and three of them are state qualifiers from a year ago.

Jeff Estrada returns to wrestle at 145, and Joe Scott will grapple at 152 pounds. Jason Wilson, also a senior, is set to battle at 160, and John Venne will seek to return to state at 171.

Kelly Huckelberry is a junior newcomer who will wrestle at 180, and state qualifier Chris Janek returns at the heavyweight class.

In their preseason poll, the Amateur Wrestling News has the Warriors ranked 14th nationally in their poll. Garland said it's nice to be ranked so highly in the preseason.

"That says we've earned some respect over the years. It's nice to be ranked there, but it would be nice to finish there."

Garland said he sees the potential on the mat, but there's way too much wrestling to be done to make any predictions.

"The competition has been there in the room for the last four years, but the guys will have to put it upon themselves to perform up to the expectations of this program."

THE WARRIORS HAVE a combined 104-4 dual-meet record over the past four years, and went a sparkling



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESÉ)

Warrior wrestling, returning lettermen are back row, from left, Kevin Feigenbutz, Jeff Estrada, Joe Scott, John Venne, John Selliers, Chris Janek. Kneeling, from left, Bobby Chaulsett, Mike Glover, John Kelly, Jason Wilson.

25-0 last season before their season was cut short by the IHSA. At the time, they were ranked first in the state but did not get to prove that on the wrestling mat. Granite City was 26-2 in 1993-94.

AS FOR O'FALLON, Garland is concerned by a team that lost no one to graduation last year.

"They'll be bigger and stronger this year," he said. "We have some veterans on our team, but we have plenty of younger ones, too. This team went undefeated until they reached the sectionals as freshmen, but that doesn't matter too much now. They have to prove themselves again."



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESÉ)

Jeff Estrada (top) and David Thompson practice.

Warriors ice opponents with 24-4 combined weekend score

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Granite City hockey Warriors ended a splendid weekend of play Saturday night with a workmanlike 8-1 win over St. Charles West.

The Warriors (3-0) were churning on all cylinders heading into Monday night's home opener against John Burroughs. In their first three games, GCIS has outscored its opponents by a combined 24-4.

Saturday's 8-1 win followed a 10-0 whitewash of Lutheran South on Friday night.

GCIS coach Dave Yurkovich was present for Friday's game, but not for Saturday's contest. Still, he was optimistic about his team's progress during the first three games.

"Everything went great over the weekend," he said. "We were pleasantly surprised. These were not great teams that we played, but sometimes teams like that can give you trouble. Even though we won big both nights, we never lost our discipline or got selfish, and that's not always easy to do."

The Warriors' No. 1 line is clicking, to say the least.

Kevin Nenninger continues to be the hottest scorer for the Warriors, and that's saying something. In three games, Nenninger has Lemieux-like numbers of six goals and three assists for nine points.

Sophomore center Bobby Pritchard has four goals and

four assists; and senior Clint Phelps has solidified that line with three assists.

Center Mikal Guffey has anchored the No. 2 line, with four goals and a pair of assists. David Miskelley, Aaron Reeves and Aaron Reeves have all seen time on the wings.

Even the No. 3 line, consisting of Bobby Harris, Todd McQueen and Miskelley, have generated numerous chances so far this season.

As of right now, Yurkovich and assistant coach Will Connolly aren't about to touch the Pritchard line.

"When something's working that well, you don't want to mess with it," Connolly said. "Right now at least, we're leaving them intact."

"But the second line is getting plenty of chances, and the third line is scoring some goals, too. Offensively, we're on a roll."

The defense is adding their share of points when asked to, but more importantly they are staying at home on the back line.

Chris Angle, back from a bad cold, got on the scoreboard Saturday night; and Brian Johnson tallied Friday night. Jared Brown and Bobby Scott have played well defensively, and Travis Scroggins is trying to mend from a pair of sore knees.

Jim Conrad was the winning goalie Saturday night, and Tony Evans picked up the easy



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESÉ)

GC's Jared Brown during a recent practice.

win on Friday. Evans is slated to start Monday against Burroughs.

Saturday, Guffey started a wild first period just 18 seconds into the game, as he fired a wrist shot past the St. Charles goalie for a 1-0 lead. Reeves got the assist.

Loftus scored at the 12:23 mark, and Harris scored an unassisted goal at the 10:05 mark. After West scored their lone goal, Guffey and Nenninger came back with goals a minute and a half apart, and it

was 5-1 after one period. Angle scored the lone tally of the second period, assisted by Reeves and Miskelley. Pritchard and Harris added goals in the third.

At this point, the Warriors are looking for a more competitive game. They may have had one Monday night against Burroughs.

"I think Burroughs may be our best test yet," said Connolly. "I'd like to see us play a better team, because we're (See WEEKEND, Page 4B)

Lutheran South falls 10-0 to Granite blades

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Instead of throwing out the welcome mat, the Warriors swept Lutheran South under a rug.

Lutheran South, a new team in the Mid-States Association this year, was treated rudely by Granite City on Friday night in a 10-0 pasting at the Affton Ice Rink.

And it could have been worse. "Our second line had all kinds of chances, but just couldn't put the puck in the net," said Warrior coach Dave Yurkovich. "And our third line was generating chances, too."

It was the first line that truly dominated this game, as Bobby Pritchard, Kevin Nenninger and Clint Phelps combined for 10 points on the night. Pritchard and Nenninger each recorded hat tricks on the night, and Mikal Guffey added a goal and two assists.

YURKOVICH SAID THE YOUNG SOUTH team just didn't stack up against the Warriors.

"They skated pretty well, but their players just don't have enough skill to be a good team yet. One or two of their guys had decent skill, but not enough to make a whole team."

"And we moved the puck so quickly, they didn't have a chance to defend us. We'd just move it around until we spotted the open guy, and it was in the net."

The most telling statistic was the shots on goal: Granite City 48, Lutheran South 5.

"About seven-eighths of the game was played in their end," Yurkovich said.

The Warriors scored four goals in the first period, as the Pritchard line took over.

At the 7:06 mark, Nenninger scored his third of the season, with Pritchard and Guffey assisting.

With 1:11 left in the first, Pritchard notched his second of the year on an unassisted goal. Just 14 seconds later, Nenninger (See HOCKEY, Page 4B)

Flo Valley places fourth in tourney

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

After a stellar prep career at GCIS, Mikla Economy just returned home after completing her junior college soccer career at Florissant Valley Community College.

Her team placed fourth in the national tournament held at Essex Community College in Maryland.

After defeating local power Lewis & Clark (1-0 in overtime) in the regionals, Flo Valley lost their first game at the nationals, but rallied to defeat Farmingdale of New York 2-1 and Catonsville, Md. 5-1.

It was a solid finish to a great two years for Economy, 19. After being ranked No. 1 by many national polls

last season, that team lost in the regionals to the team from Richland, Texas. Although unranked this year, Flo Valley turned the tables.

"I would say we surprised some people this year," Economy said. "Even at school, our school newspaper didn't think we'd be very good, and they weren't talking very good about us at the beginning of the year."

"I guess they figured it would be like last year," Flo Valley soccer coach, Dan O'Keefe, was coaching his first year at the school after moving over from Lewis & Clark.

"I don't know what we would have done without Mikla," he said. "She was the only goalkeeper we had. (See ECONOMY, Page 4B)



Mikla Economy
Flo Valley goalkeeper

Mt. Carmel downs East St. Louis 57-27

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Two big items were very big in Mt. Carmel's 57-27 win over East St. Louis last Saturday.

One was the big linemen on Mt. Carmel's side of the ball, and the other was the big adjustment made by the Caravan coaching staff.

To say the Caravan lines were big would be a big understatement. Averaging 6-foot-2 and 240 pounds, Mt. Carmel looked like a team of bulldozers moving down a vacant building, as they opened hole after hole for the Caravan backfield.

The most telling tale was in the fourth quarter. Leading by over 30 points, Mt. Carmel coach Frank Lenti brought in his second team players. Even they blew the Flyers off the line of scrimmage.

"They are the biggest team we've faced this year, by far," said East Side coach Edmund Jones. "But by the same token, we couldn't fly off the ball like we wanted to, because we never knew where they would go next. They have so many weapons, and they execute the

option so well."

Lenti said his linemen played their best game of the season, and unfortunately it was against the Flyers, who saw their winning streak stopped at nine games and missed what would have been

their first trip to the state finals since 1991.

The second big thing was the adjustment the Mt. Carmel defense made on running back Kevin Beard, who had racked up 159 yards in rushing after touching the ball just twice.

Beard broke loose for runs of 81 and 78 yards in the first quarter, but totalled just 30 yards in the final three quarters combined.

"I think a lot of the credit has to go to Dave (Lenti, Franks' brother and defensive coordinator)," Frank Lenti said. "He made the necessary adjustments and impressed upon the defense that they needed to step it up a notch."

"No doubt, that Beard kid is for real. But we've got a fine back in Leondre (Smith), and I think he took it upon himself to rise up to the (See FOOTBALL, Page 4B)

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Ample free parking is available in the upper Munny lot in Forest Park, with a shuttle bus running continuously between the parking lot and the SportsLab site. For more information, call SportsLab at 1-800-686-7184.

Thanksgiving soccer tourney
Epiphany Sports Association in St. Louis will hold a soccer tournament over Thanksgiving weekend for boys and girls CYC and recreational teams from kindergarten through sixth grade.

For an application or more information, call Tom Noser at (314) 647-0910.

Mariners tryouts
The Mariners baseball team is seeking players who will not have reached age 15 by July 1, 1996 for the 1996 baseball season. The Mariners plan to play at 20-30 game schedule, as well as a number of tournaments.

For further information, call 288-3044.

Comets basketball
The St. Louis Comets girls' AAU basketball club will hold tryouts for girls born in 1985 and 1986. The tryouts are open to girls throughout the St. Louis area. For more information, call Rick at 314-837-2379 or Sue at 314-355-3590.

St. Louis Stars softball
The St. Louis Stars 18-under fastpitch softball team is seeking players for the 1996 season.

Players should be interested in participating in a competitive select program.

The Stars are also looking for college-age players for its women's fastpitch team. For more information, call Hank at (314) 843-9633.

Mathews at baseball camp
The International Athletic Foundation will be hosting a youth baseball camp Dec. 28-29 at two locations: The Ball Park in O'Fallon and Gateway Indoor Complex in St. Louis. The camp is for players ages 9-14. The cost is \$125 and includes lunch each day, a camp T-shirt, a participation certificate and an autographed photo from St. Louis Cardinals pitcher T.J. Mathews.

Mathews, a Columbia native, will be a special instructor for two days at each site.

The winter camp is being followed by a camp at Easter from April 8-11, 1996 and then an eight-week camp in the summer running each week in June and July.

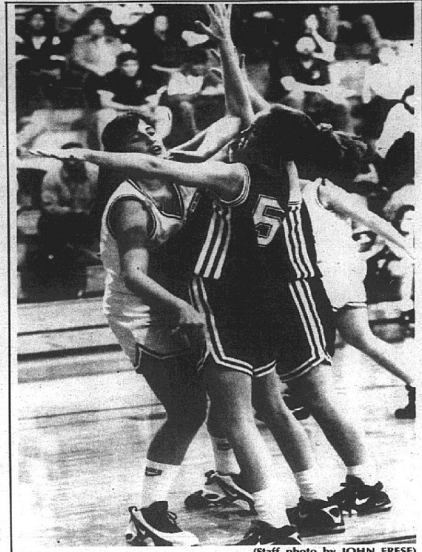
For more information, call Jim Turner at (314) 645-5496.

ASA softball leagues
Kirkwood (Mo.) Athletic Association will have ASA softball leagues in 1996 for girls fastpitch teams in the 6-U, 8-U, 10-U, 12-U, 14-U, 16-U and 18-U age groups.

A 12-game schedule will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays with a cost of \$800 per team and no fund-raisers. Additionally, KAA will have three tournaments and each KAA league team will get a free entry into one of these tournaments.

For more information, call Don Lecker at (314) 576-5551.

Metro ASA meeting
The Metro St. Louis Amateur Softball Association will hold a Junior Olympic coaches/managers meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4 at Lemmons



Tapp dance — Granite City's Anna Tapp in action last week against Mascoutah. Coach Chuck Krause said that Tapp has shown marked improvement playing at center.

Restaurant, 5800 Gravois in St. Louis. The restaurant will kettal tournament for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade boys and girls on Dec. 23. For applications and information, call Marty Seebach at (314) 644-1633.

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SPORTS

•Shootout

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Vashon; 7:30 p.m. — Baton Rouge (La.) Glen Oaks (32-2) vs. St. Louis Cardinal Ritter (30-3) and 9 p.m. — Chicago Farragut (28-2) vs. DeSmet (22-7).

Reserved tickets priced at \$16 and \$13 can be purchased at participating schools, Curt Smith Sporting Goods in Belleville and Tickets Now locations, including Famous-Barr, Streetside Records, Schnucks Video Clubs and Blue Note Sports Shops.

A total of 18 National Basketball Association first-round lottery picks are Shootout graduates.

FOOTNOTE: Recent references here to the "March Madness Encyclopedia" of Illinois High School basketball do not mean I'd slight the ladies.

The IHSA has a similar publication related to the girls game, and while the book's back cover is a photo of the Okaville team in action, the contents offer an interesting list of state Ms. Basketball winners, including Michelle Hasheider of Okaville in 1994. Smith's 83 points placed her third in single-season finals scoring behind Cindy Kaufmann (66) of Seneca in 1997 and Nora Lewis (84) of Peoria Richwoods in '84. Smith's 36-point game rates fifth behind the all-time high of 41 scored by Tina Hutchinson of East St. Louis Lincoln in 1983 against Chicago Marshall.

Briefly

SISL Senior Showcase
Southern Illinois Soccer League is looking for volunteers to participate in the 1995 Senior Showcase. An exact date has not been chosen, but it will be in December. The program is offered to senior boys and junior/senior girls soccer players who are interested in playing soccer at the collegiate level. Interested people should send their name, address and phone number to SISL Senior Showcase, P.O. Box 505, Collinsville, IL, 62234.

Roller hockey leagues
Fun Spot Skating Center in Belleville is offering roller hockey leagues for boys and girls in kindergarten through eighth grade. The \$45 fee includes two one-hour practices, six games, referees and insurance. There is no checking and equal playing time is guaranteed. Call 234-4502.

•Economy

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and she performed wonderfully all season."

Economy, a 1994 graduate of COHS, also placed fourth at state in her senior year with the Lady Warriors.

FLO VALLEY finished 16-5-0 on the season. Economy said the atmosphere was much better on this year's squad, in which another local athlete, Allison Arnold of Edwardsville, is a teammate of her's.

"I would say just about everybody improved a lot during the season. We had a lot more teamwork this year, and that's the biggest reason we did so much better."

"Some people didn't get along last year, but we got to know each other really well and it seemed to help us play better as a team."

Monroe College (N.Y.) eventually won the national championship, and Champlain of Vermont were second.

ECONOMY PLAYED the

entire season as the only goalkeeper on the Flo Valley team. Only 14 players in all were on the roster.

She said she's not sure what her plans are now, although she has thought about attending a four-year school, preferably somewhere close by. She said she would like to continue her studies of criminal justice.

"They have a good program at Flo Valley, and hopefully it will lead to a career in law enforcement," she said.

She said she had a lot of people to thank for her suc-

cess, but in narrowing that list down she looked back to last year's season as a teenager playing select soccer in the Granite City area.

"I would say that Terry Dulong and Jennifer Dutko, along with Vince Debevo, my select coaches, had the biggest influence on me. They kept me in soccer, and never put any pressure on me to perform. It allowed me to play at 100 percent of my capabilities."

Economy said she began her soccer career at the age of 5 or in the Madison County League.

•Football

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Although things didn't go as well as the Flyers would have liked, during this Thanksgiving week Jones is counting his blessings.

"It was still a great year for us, and with everything that happened this year we dug inside and found something. This is a great group of play-

ers, and is what we accomplished says a lot about the character on this team."

East Side surely came a long way since Sept. 3, when long-time coach Bob Shannon resigned and the Flyers lost to Sumner to add in a tie. Add in a loss to Hazelwood East, the top large school in Missouri, and the Flyers were at 0-3 and lost without a compass.

But Jones got his troops organized, and the Flyers reeled off nine consecutive wins, including a thrilling check two Saturdays ago against Edwardsville.

"In beating Edwardsville, we proved that East Side was back," said Jones. "That was a great football team, but I'm not sure even they could have handled this Mt. Carmel team today. Even after we were up, we knew what was coming. They are a big, strong machine."

"We're just very happy to be playing in the state championship game," Lenti said of the Caravan, who have won one 6A state football title under the veteran coach. "This was a big test for us today (against East Side), and we proved we belong in the title game."

•Hockey

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struck again from Pritchard; 20 seconds after that goal, Pritchard scored again.

The Warriors scored three goals on a single shift.

"They were just moving the puck so well," Yurkovich said. "It created a lot of chaos in their end."

Neminger quickly dispelled any doubts about his three-goal night when he scored a short-handed goal from Jared Brown at the 12:04 mark of the second. Bobby Scott joined in the fun with another short-handed goal less than four minutes later on a feed from Brian Johnson, and the Warriors notched a power-play goal four minutes later from Scott and Johnson.

Guffey, Johnson and Pritchard — his third of the night — closed out the scoring for the Warriors the third.

Yurkovich said he was more pleased with the way the Warriors acted once they had the big lead.

"It's tough to judge how well you're playing against a team like this, but we were very happy. It's easy to get selfish, and there was none of that at all. We successfully did a lot of things we've been working on in practice. We pressured down low and moved the puck back to the point for quality shots."

"Sometimes you can get over confident, and we didn't do that either. We played a good, team game."

•Weekend

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still are sure yet how good a team we have.

"We're going to be playing some very good teams down the road, so we need to see what we have and what we need to do. We're looking for a challenge at this point."

Tips on the correct method of Tree Lighting from the experts at

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Plug in the next set and continue from the inside of the tree branch to the outside. Try to keep the connections between strings deep inside the tree where they'll be less noticeable. The light string cords can be hidden as well as possible by nestling them in the needles.

Try not to hang bulbs in mid-air between branches. Sometimes this can be virtually impossible to avoid, but try to keep it to a minimum.

It's easy to get carried away when attaching strings of lights, but remember: Never exceed the recommended number of strings you can attach together. If

you need additional lights, get another extension cord. And never overload an outlet. You may need to use an additional outlet or two, if they're on separate circuits, so much the better.

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Community Calendar

Our event calendar also includes entries for community groups and their normal meeting days. Such groups meet on the first Monday of the month, the first Tuesday of the month, etc. Readers are encouraged to call these groups if holidays or other days pose uncertainty.

Corrections, additions and deletions of information are encouraged, and new entries may be added at anytime by calling the newsroom at 876-2240.

This calendar runs in every Wednesday's Journal.

Wednesday, Nov. 22

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 53 will offer a service officer from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Tri-City Veterans Home, located at 1417 19th St., in Granite City. Call 876-7816 for more information.

Pulmonary Support Group, for persons with diagnosed lung condition, 11 a.m. to noon in 4-Doctors Solarium, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 789-3019.

Singles Connection will hold a "Singles Night Out" with Bob Cuban at the Frontenac Hilton. The dance starts at 8:30 p.m. Call Felix at 656-2063 for more information.

Al-Anon, 7:15 p.m. Gateway Foundation, 600 W. Lincoln

Ave., Caseyville. Call 463-2429 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Elizabeth School's Noah's Ark Day Care, Pontoon Road, Granite City. The meetings are closed except for the last Wednesday of the month.

Collinsville Area Recreation District in conjunction with the Boots and Slippers Square Dance Club will sponsor square dance lessons from 7 to 9 p.m. at Lanhams, 2200 Vandalla St., Collinsville. The cost is \$2.50 per person. Per session. For information, call 344-4636 or 344-4183, or contact CARD at 346-7229.

Divorced and Separated Group Ministry, 7-8:30 p.m., Eden United Church of Christ, 903 Second Street, Edwardsville, 656-9268.

Parents Anonymous Group meets 6 to 8 p.m. For information on where meeting will be held, call Elaine Landolt, 463-2714.

Stress Management Class, 7 to 8 p.m. at Mental Health Services, 50 Northgate Industrial Drive, Granite City. For people who want to know what causes stress, how it affects their lives, and what they can do about it. For more information

tion call 877-4420. Fees are based on a sliding income scale. Madison Community Action Group, meets at 7 p.m. For more information call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1360.

Thursday, Nov. 23

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 3 p.m., Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 11 a.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison Ave., Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Wellness Center, 2103 Iowa, 463-2429.

Narcotics Anonymous, Seeking recovery, 8 p.m., 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot-line 398-9409.

Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at First Christian Church, 2415 N. 89th St., Caseyville. For information, call 1 (314) 638-7821.

Friday, Nov. 24

Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m. in the Milonski Room in the basement at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call 463-2429 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800)

307-6600. Singles Connection will hold a social hour at 8:30 p.m. at Rusty's, 1201 N. Main St. in Edwardsville. Call Joe at 656-8073 for more information.

Saturday, Nov. 25

Madison County Humane Society will hold an Adopt-A-Pet Day from noon to 4 p.m. at the PetsMart in O'Fallon.

Quad City Youth Fellowship, 2257 Cleveland, 7 p.m., 931-3480 or 877-4448.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Al-Anon Adult Children, 10 a.m., 2016 Delmar Ave., 463-2429.

Narcotics Anonymous, Acceptance, 8 p.m., 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot-line 398-9409.

Rescue Mission, 1536 Fourth St., Madison, food pantry is open from 9 a.m. to noon. Samuel Turner is the chairman, Valonda Turner is the secretary and Alfred Turner is the pastor.

Sunday, Nov. 26

Alcoholics Anonymous, 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Narcotics Anonymous, Live the Steps, 8 p.m., 2016 Delmar

Ave., 24-hour hot-line 398-9409.

Sausage Supper will be held from noon to 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Troy. Adults are \$6, children six to 12 years of age are \$2.50 and children under six years of age are free. All carry-outs are \$6. Fresh meat will be for sale. This event is sponsored by the AAL Branch 521.

Singles Connection will hold a day of Christmas shopping in St. Charles, Mo. Meet at noon at the Collinsville Kmart. Call Sandy at 344-1393 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Pascal Hall, main floor, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Eagles Auxiliary 1126 Bingo, 1 p.m. at the Namooki Bingo Center. Also included will be a color raffle, 50/50 drawing free games and other raffles.

Overeaters Anonymous, meets at 2 p.m. in the Wiesman Room, first floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Senior Social Club, business meeting at 6 p.m. at the Township Hall, Desart is served following the meeting. Games and bingo are played at 7 p.m. Call 877-1215 for more details.

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.

Al-Anon, 9:30 a.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 463-2429.

First Place, a Christ-centered nutrition program, meets (See CALENDAR, Page 78)

in Lionism is welcome to attend. Anyone interested may call Lion President Marlene Cook at 876-2515 or Lion Treasurer Ken Turcott at 877-6776.

Rules of the Road review course will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Granite City Township Building, 2060 Delmar Ave. in Granite City. No registration is required. Call 877-4373 for more information.

Singles Connection will have dinner at 7 p.m. at Tony's Restaurant, 212 Piasa in Alton. Call Darwin at 656-8601 for more information.

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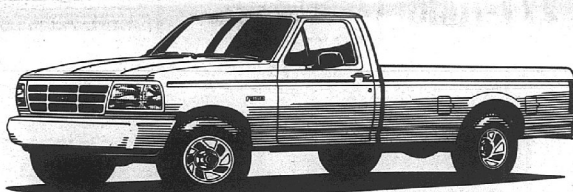
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876-4009**Horoscope****Thursday, Nov. 23**
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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) Take time out to catch up with true friends and loved ones. Concentrate on the details of the day's doings, and let the big stuff take care of itself. New horizons beckon, and at least one of your secret plans is bound for success.**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Watch for a chance to make a big impression on your love target. What looks like a bargain may not work out once you get it home. You're able to share feelings and enjoy traditions — an elder expresses pride in you.**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** A strong-minded relative wants you to compromise your original idea. Provide guidance for a confused young person. Go along with a majority decision — you learn something worth knowing.**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You'll be the organizer, and last-minute decisions will be brilliant. You're getting good at being a leader — the family credit for past accomplishments comes at last, along with increased family and social status.**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Get an early jump on your day's plans — later, you can relax and enjoy, even though you're in charge of the festivities. Tonight, treat yourself to lovely hot tub and an early bedtime.**BAC Holiday Frolic featuring marionettes**

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Seats are \$1.50 for the show. Tickets are available in advance and at the door.

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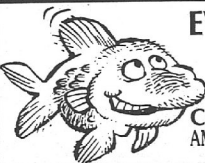
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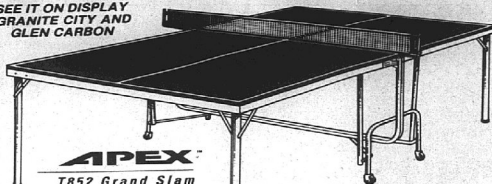
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TOPS 2048 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m., Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City; 876-2124.**TOPS IL 645**, 7 p.m., Anchorage Recreation Center, 2001 Edwards St., Granite City, 452-6102. Men and women welcome.**Wai-Mart Senior Citizens**, bingo, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.**Tuesday, Nov. 28****Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks**, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-3557, 8 p.m.**Job's Daughters Bethel #43** meets at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 20th Street and Cleveland Boulevard in Granite City.**Knights of Columbus**, 3rd Degree, 4225 Old Alton Road, 7:30 p.m., 877-4250.**Ostomy Support Group**, 2 to 4 p.m., Pascal Hall, main floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3167.**People Needing People Bereavement Support Group**, 7 to 9 p.m., Wiesman Room, first floor, St. Elizabeth Medical Center; call Hospice of Madison County, 798-3399.**Singles Connection** will play volleyball at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA, Esic Drive in Edwardsville. There is a \$3 fee for three hours of play. Call Frank at 876-4315 for more information.**Depressive Manic Depressive Association of Madison County** will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Call James E. Lewis at 798-3399.**James E. Lewis**, Co-leaders of the DMDA, will conduct the meetings. For more information, call 877-7517 or (314) 776-4829.**TOPS 1699 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** will meet at 8:45 p.m. at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2902 Edwards St.; call 797-2724 for more information. Men and women are welcome to attend.**Alcoholics Anonymous**, 8:30 a.m. and 8 p.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, 1 (800) 307-6600.**Alcoholics Anonymous (women only)**, 8 p.m., Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, 1 (800) 307-6600.**Alcoholics Anonymous**, 8 p.m., St. John United Church, 2801 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 692-9070.**Al-Anon**, 8 p.m., St. John United Church, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 463-2429.**Al-Anon**, 8 p.m., Niedringhaus United Methodist Church cafeteria, 2001 Delmar, Granite City, 463-2429.**Alateen and PreAlateen Program** for 12 to 17 age group, and prelateen for six to 11 year age group, meets at 8 p.m. at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, 20th and Delmar. For more information call 463-2429.**The Blood of the Lamb** prayer and bible study. The public is invited to come for praise and worship, teaching from the Word and prayer for your needs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Full Gospel Fellowship Hall, 2301 Orville, Granite City. A nursery will be provided. If a ride is needed, call 451-4020 or (314) 881-1865.**The Circle of Hope**, a 12-step healing program for anyone whose life is affected by HIV infection meets at 7 p.m. at the King's House on North 66th Street in Belleville. For more information, call 224-0201.**Granite City Kiwanis** meet at Shoney's at 7:30 a.m.**Narcotics Anonymous**, Path to Recovery, 8 p.m., 2016 Delmar Ave., 24-hour hot-line 398-9409.**School of Metaphysics**, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., 9459 Roslin Place, St. John, Mo. 63114. Classes in applied metaphysics. Call Melaine McManus at 429-0076.

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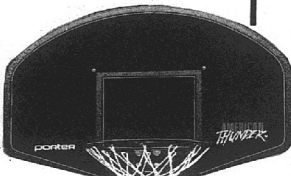
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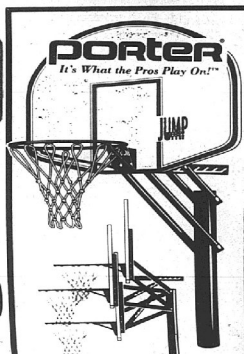
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Holiday

Best Recipe Contest

Turkey turns versatile after big feast

For real turkey lovers, Thanksgiving is a happy day, followed by leftover heaven.

But for the rest, after Thanksgiving dinner is over, the prospects are dim for the next several days — or weeks.

The bird is still there — in fact it's hardly been dented, and all you can see is a long line of turkey sandwiches, turkey hash, and turkey with noodles.

But with a little imagination, that dearly departed gobbler can be turned into a wide variety of different meals.

Ollie Sommer, well-known chef and instructor in the Hospitality and Food Management program at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus, said those leftovers can be used "in a lot of different things."

Even the turkey sandwich can be improved on.

"What I do is take an English muffin, cut it in half, and add turkey and blue cheese," he said.

The sandwich is then put in a broiler and served open faced.

The most important thing is to properly handle the leftovers.

"Immediately after dinner is over, the turkey should be refrigerated because all poultry is very

perishable," he said.

The meat should be separated from the bones, which can be cooked down for turkey stock.

"You can use that in a lot of different things," he added.

For turkey soup, Sommer sautes onions and celery in butter until they are transparent, then adds stock, left over turkey gravy, meat and whatever else is handy.

His favorite Thanksgiving leftover recipe is turkey tetrazzini.

"This normally tastes better than the roast turkey," he said.

TURKEY TETRAZZINI

2-3 cups shredded or diced turkey
 1/2 lb. macaroni
 1/2 cup sliced almonds
 3/4 lb. sliced mushrooms
 3 tbsp. dry white wine
 3 tbsp. butter
 2 tbsp. flour
 2 cups turkey broth
 1 cup whipping cream, heated

Prepare the macaroni. When it is cooked, add the almonds.

In another saucepan, saute the mushrooms in butter, adding the white wine about halfway through.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

Chef instructor Oliver Sommer at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus prepares some food with a few of his students. Sommer is at left, joining him are Darrell Clearlock, Chris Knous, administrator Michael Hayes, in back, Brenda Johnson and James Beaver.

To make the sauce, melt the butter and add flour, letting it cook for several minutes. Then add the turkey broth, and cook until the mixture is slightly thickened.

Season to taste, then stir in the whipping cream. Combine the turkey, mushrooms and sauce in a dish,

garnish with Parmesan cheese, and bake in a 375 degree oven for 15-20 minutes or until lightly brown.

Sommer also said dressing can also be reheated and used. Again, it should be refrigerated as soon as possible after dinner.

ing should not be cooked inside the turkey, because the heat does not permeate the bird, and "you have a chance of making some-

For the turkey dressing, he also recommended sauteing the turkey beforehand so they will keep their shape and not

disintegrate.

Another of Sommer's favorite turkey recipes is turkey croquettes.

TURKEY CROQUETTES

White sauce
 2 egg yolks
 2 cups minced turkey
 2 tsp. grated onions
 2 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
 2 tsp. sherry wine
 1/2 tsp. curry powder

First prepare the white sauce by melting three tablespoons of butter and adding one-third cup of flour and one cup of milk.

Stir until slightly thick, then remove from the heat and whip in the two egg yolks.

Add the remaining ingredients, then shape into croquettes.

Roll the croquettes in bread crumbs and deep fry until brown.

The croquettes can be served with the sauce of your choice, including picante, salsa or leftover turkey gravy.

By Scott Cousins



(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAR JR.)

Ruthie Conway serves turkey tetrazzini to, from left, Nancy Knapp, Tina Conway and Christina Conway

Woman means business with culinary talent

Ruthie Conway has always enjoyed baking. But it was only after her children had grown and moved out that she discovered her culinary talent was a good business idea.

"My own adult children would call from work and ask what I was cooking for dinner. They would ask if I could make a little extra and (if they could) pick it up," she said. "I thought there must be more working adults who needed and wanted a home-cooked meal who were probably tired of fast-food places. That's how we started."

That was 15 months ago, and her idea has proven to be a hit.

Now, Conway's Sugar 'n' Spice Catering and Gram-

ma's Kitchen at 1278 Vandalia St. offers catering service for a party of hundreds or carry-out lunches, dinners and desserts for families.

Her biggest concern these days, she said, is expanding while keeping her philosophy about wholesome food — food cooked with no additives, preservatives or artificial colorings and flavorings.

The holidays for Conway, as might be expected, have always included a spread — turkey, dressing and homemade pies.

Last year, Sugar 'n' Spice offered a Thanksgiving dinner. But this year, this mother of five and grandmother of nine, along with her husband, Marv, will be

catered to by her own children.

"I have a son in Texas coming in for Thanksgiving and this year," she said. "My children will be preparing and serving dinner. I'll just sit, enjoy a glass of wine and not say a word."

But while she's taking the day off, Conway shares her roasting techniques with other cooks.

First, the most important advice she offers for anyone preparing a Thanksgiving meal "is proper care of the turkey."

"It seems so mundane, but it's so important — to use the proper thawing technique. A frozen turkey needs to be thawed in the refrigerator. I know people

(See WOMAN, Page 2C)

School holiday meal bird of different feather

Everyone who cooks a meal for Thanksgiving knows it's hard work. But just imagine if you were in Vicki Huffman shoes.

Huffman, the head cook at St. Albert the Great School in Fairview Heights, recently prepared a holiday feast for the school's 221 students.

In addition to preparing seven, 10-pound turkey legs for the students, Huffman cooked 30 gallons of corn made dressing, mashed potatoes, and baked dinner rolls and 15 sweet potato pies.

"I wouldn't recommend others to do this if they didn't have a lot of time and patience," she said.

But Huffman is used to the task. Before coming to St. Albert the Great three years ago, she cooked for the Mascoutah School Dis-

trict for two years.

Huffman also credits her mom for some of her ability.

"She taught me how to cook," she said.

Huffman said she believes the key to preparing a large meal is organization.

For instance, she made the turkeys the day before the school's feast.

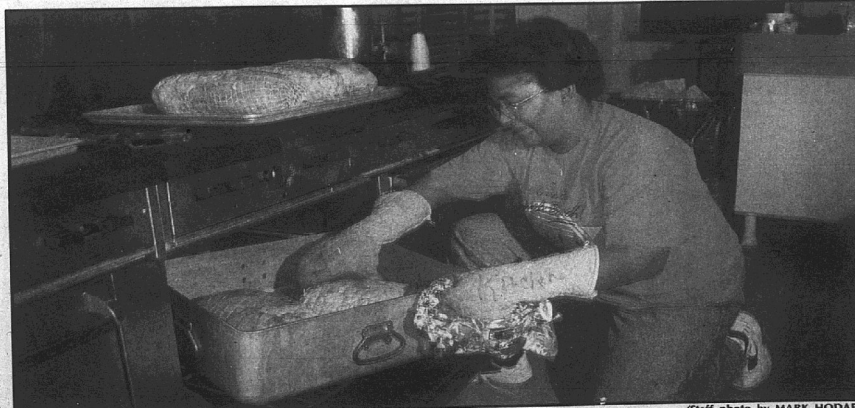
She made the pies, mashed potatoes, dressing and corn just a few hours before the meal was served.

Because of time constraints, she prepared instant mashed potatoes. The 200 servings comprised about six gallons.

Huffman mixed eggs with the dressing to keep it moist.

"My mom taught me that," she said.

(See MEAL, Page 2C)



(Staff photo by MARK HODAPP)

Vicki Huffman, head cook at St. Albert the Great School in Fairview Heights, checks the turkey.

Today's Food

Woman

Continued from page 1C. who leave it on the counter, and that's extremely dangerous," she said. "The top surface warms up just the right temperature for bacteria."

Thawing in water has its risks, too, she said. "The only way, the safest way, is in the refrigerator. Then you know it's safe," Conway said.

Her recipe for a perfectly roasted turkey includes the following steps:

1. Thaw completely. Use thawing time, depending on the size, as suggested on the label.
2. After washing, wash thoroughly. Remove giblets.
3. Make a mixture of one teaspoon of salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper and one teaspoon of sage. Rub the interior cavity of the turkey.
4. Make a mixture of about 1/2 cup butter, one teaspoon of salt, 1/4 teaspoon of pepper, one teaspoon of sage and one teaspoon of thyme. Base the turkey.
5. Cover with an aluminum tent and bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes per pound. Continue basting the turkey with the juice.

6. During the last half hour, remove the tent cover and baste.

Once the holiday meal is complete, what can you do with the leftover turkey? Conway has an answer for that, too.

TURKEY TETRAZZINI

- 4 cups bite-size chunks of cut-up left over turkey
- 1 pound linguini noodles, cooked and drained
- 1/2 pound mushrooms, wiped clean, sliced and sauteed in butter
- 1 cup fresh chicken stock
- 1 stick butter or margarine
- 3/4 cup flour
- 3 cups whole milk
- 1/2 cup sauteed wine
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Meal

Continued from page 1C. Huffman lamented parts of her job by experimentation. For instance, to make 15 sweet potato pies, she found out it takes approximately seven pounds of all-purpose flour.

Huffman said she does not plan to cook a Thanksgiving dinner for her family this year.

"We will be going to my mother's house," she said. "She knows what I go through every day."

Story by Mark Hodapp.

BREAD STUFFING

- 6 gallons of bread cubes, soft
- 1 qt. and 3 1/2 cups fresh celery, chopped
- 3/4 oz. dehydrated onions

Combine bread cubes, celery, onions, raisins (optional), poultry, seasoning pepper, garlic powder, thyme (optional) and butter

or margarine. Mix lightly until well blended.

Spread 6 pounds 7 oz (3 3/4 qt) of stuffing evenly into each steamtable pan (12" by 20" by 2 1/2"), which has been lightly greased. For 50 servings, use two steamtable pans. For 100 servings, use four steamtable pans.

Bake until lightly browned: Conventional oven: 350 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes. Convection oven: 300 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes.

Blue Ribbon Cook

Gingersnaps a winner with oats, molasses

Leora Jones, Troy, Ill., is the winner of this week's recipe contest for Oatmeal Gingersnaps. She wins a prize of dinner certificates at the Pasta House Co.

This picture-perfect, spicy cookie mixes quickly. The soft and chewy results present a new angle for the traditional gingersnap flavor. Removing the cookies as directed to cool on racks keeps them from overbaking. They are the Jones family's favorite cookie.

Recipes in the Drink and Dip Recipe Contest will be accepted through Nov. 30 for consideration as winner each of the four Wednesdays in December. Recipes for beverages and dips can be in the holiday mode.

Send one recipe per household to: Drink and Dip Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

Type or print the recipe legibly on one side of the paper. Include name, address and telephone number.

ber on the entry. Name the Journal you receive. Be sure to double-check the recipe as it is written for both amounts and directions, including any variations that make this dish special.

If there is a history to the recipe, it will be considered part of the entry. Along with taste and eye appeal, it will be among criteria used for selecting winners. Originality will be considered, although the recipe need not be original. If possible, name the recipe's source.

Winners are notified by mail. Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compliance with the rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after their prize-winning publication date.

OATMEAL GINGERSNAPS

1/2 cup shortening

- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup uncooked oats
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. ginger
- 1 tsp. cloves
- 1/4 tsp. salt

Additional sugar
Preheat oven to 375°. Grease cookie sheets.

Stir together shortening, molasses and egg. Beat well, using mixer, 2 minutes.

Combine flour, sugar, oats, baking soda, ginger, cloves and salt. Mix with shortening mixture until well combined.

Form into 1-inch balls. Roll in sugar. Place 2 inches apart on prepared cookie sheets. Bake in preheated oven 8 to 10 minutes.

Let stand 1 minute, before removing to rack to cool.

Recipe

TANGY FAT-FREE DRESSING

2 tbsp. vinegar

- 1/2 cup water
- 1 pouch liquid fruit pectin
- 1 envelope garlic powder
- herbs, Italian, mild
- Italian or zesty Italian salad dressing mix

Mix vinegar and water in crust or jar with tight lid.

Add salad dressing mix. Cover. Shake vigorously until well blended.

Add fruit pectin. Cover. Shake again until well blended.

Makes 1 cup or eight (2-tablespoon) servings; 10 calories, no fat.

Smart cookies mix up low-cost kitchen gifts

A heaping measure of good taste that is easy on the wallet and spiced with a personal touch describes an ideal Christmas gift.

That probably is why homemade treats are a popular way to say "happy holidays" to co-workers, teachers, friends and family. Last year's recipients even may be hopeful the gift will become a taste tradition.

Think creatively when

planning holiday gift treats. A zillion cookie recipes are available, but that is not the end of the ideas. Flavored popcorn, jellies from summer's produce, marmalades and relishes from seasonal citrus fruits and cranberries, spiced nut mixes, quick breads and homemade beverage mixes head a long line of possibilities.

Packed attractively in glass jars and bedecked

with ribbons, most of them can be made for \$2 or less each.

Think about safety as well when planning to give food. Shelf-stable dry mixes, cookies and quick breads usually are safe and keep well. Understand and follow up-to-date recipes from reliable sources, like University Extension, Ball or Kerr, if intending to give home-canned gift items. Always be sure the recipient of a perishable item—who must be home when the gift is delivered—knows refrigeration is required and how long the gift will keep.

This coffee mix is from University Extension's book, EC949 "Pantry Mixes."

Send a check for \$4 to: University Extension, 121 S. Meramec, Suite 501, Clayton, Mo. 63105 with a request for "Pantry Mixes."

Registered dietitian Cynthia Fauser is nutrition specialist for University Extension (University of Missouri system) in St. Louis County.

SWISS MOCHA INTERNATIONAL COFFEE MIX

1/2 cup instant coffee

- granules
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup nonfat dry milk powder
- 2 tbsp. unsweetened cocoa
- 1/8 tsp. baking soda

Mix together instant coffee, sugar, dry milk, cocoa and baking soda.

For one serving: Stir 1 tablespoon coffee mix with 3/4 cup boiling water.

Makes enough mix for about 32 cups.

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Today's Food

Updated Swiss steak exudes glorious aroma

The symbol of those dishes Mom and Grandma used to make is the tantalizing aroma that fills the house before dinner.

With today's quick cooking schedule, those aromas are a desire to savor. Try a dish from the oven, like Swiss Steak Pipersade, that requires a little time but no attention on the weekend for that same effect.

Beef round steak is a less tender cut, so it needs to cook slowly under cover until fork-tender. Mom would say the cooking process cannot be rushed and boiling toughens the beef, so relax, brown the beef, season it and simmer it tightly covered in the oven until tender.

Pipersade, a blend of tomatoes and sweet bell peppers, adds color and flavor to this updated classic. Rice or pasta and a green vegetable are simple accompaniments.

Round steak is an economical cut. This recipe makes enough to entice friends with a special meal

that is not expensive. Beef cuts with "round" in the name are among the leanest choices in the meat case.

SWISS STEAK PIPERADE

1 1/4 lb. boneless beef round steak, cut 3/4 inch thick
1 tsp. oil
3/4 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. leaf thyme
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 large onion, chopped
1 to 2 medium jalapeno peppers, sliced 1/8 inch thick
1/4 cup water
4 medium tomatoes, chopped
1/2 green bell pepper, cut in 1 inch pieces
1/2 yellow bell pepper, cut in 1 inch pieces
3 cups cooked rice or pasta
1 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

Preheat oven to 325°. In large ovenproof skillet

or Dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot. Brown beef on both sides. Pour off any drippings.

Season steak with salt, thyme and pepper. Top with onion and jalapeno pepper.

Add water. Cover tightly. Simmer in preheated oven 45 minutes.

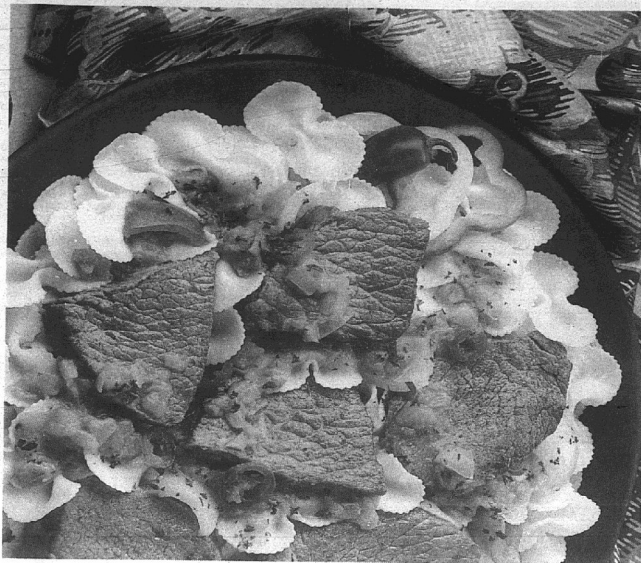
Add tomato and bell pepper.

Cook, covered, 30 minutes longer or until beef and vegetables are tender. Remove beef to warm platter.

On stovetop, cook sauce over high heat, stirring frequently, 8 to 10 minutes until reduced and slightly thickened.

Trim fat from steak. Cut meat in serving-size pieces. Return to sauce mixture. Serve over rice or pasta. Garnish with parsley.

Makes 6 servings; 352 calories, 29 g protein, 37 g carbohydrate, 9 g fat, 332 mg sodium and 66 mg cholesterol each.



A savory blend of tomato and bell pepper adds flavor to an updated version of classic Swiss steak.

Party a-plenty comes from ease of prepared foods

Baked ham and all the trimmings are easy to put on a holiday table when the ingredients are cooked and ready — or almost ready — to serve from a restaurant or deli, according to Boston Market, a growing restaurant and food service retailer in town.

All a cook or non-cook needs to do is assemble the pieces and the puzzle is complete with baked ham — Boston Market offers what it calls "hearth-honey" ham — in banquet amounts.

For instance, microwave 1 1/2 cups cranberry relish, 1/2 cup maple syrup and 1 teaspoon finely grated orange zest on high power 1 minute to serve over waffles, pancakes, French

toast, hot breakfast cereal or for dessert over ice cream, angel food cake or cinnamon-flavored apples.

On the appetizer side, a festive spinach dip comes from slicing the top off a round loaf of sourdough or Hawaiian bread, and pulling out the bread in chunks. Spoon fresh hot creamed spinach in the center and serve with the reserved bread, fresh vegetables or cubed cornbread, also available already prepared.

For stuffed mushroom caps, remove stems from 6 mushrooms and fill each cap with 2 to 3 tablespoons prepared stuffing. Bake them in 375° oven 20 to 30 minutes. Sprinkle with grat-

ed parmesan cheese before serving.

If a food gift is in order, place a piece, half or whole boneless ham in a basket with a variety of dried beans and seasonings to start a steamy soup or stew, and add a loaf of bread and bottle of wine.

Banquet-size side dishes and the ham can be ordered by calling or visiting a new Boston Market location at 12710 Olive Blvd., 10018 Manchester, 13965 Manchester, 1926 Zumbehl Road or 1615 Jungermann Road. In December stores at 5005 S. Lindbergh Blvd. and 8535 N. Illinois are expected to open.

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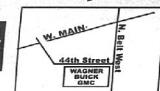
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Births

Simpson

Jennifer Simpson of Pontoon Beach has announced the birth of her first child, a daughter.

Kaitlyn Danielle was born at 9:03 p.m. Aug. 23, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson Jr. of Granite City.

Repka

Heather Repka of St. Jacob has announced the birth of her first child, a son.

Quentin Robert was born at 9:37 a.m. Aug. 25, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 6 pounds, 10 1/2 ounces.

His maternal grandparents

are Robert and Betty Repka of St. Jacob.

Slorr

Kevin and Pacharee Slorr of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Addison Paige was born at 2:33 p.m. Aug. 25, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 7 1/2 pounds.

Her maternal grandparents are William and Joyce Sternberg of Columbia and Gary and Sompet Hines of Smithton.

Cigliana

Joe and Helen Cigliana of Edwardsville have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Hannah Marie was born at

2:36 p.m. Aug. 25, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Tammy Staub of Marine. The paternal grandparents are Joe Cigliana of Glen Carbon and the late Anita Cigliana.

Chappell

Jerry and Karen Chappell of Staunton have announced the birth of their third child, a son.

Joseph Thomas was born Aug. 2, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

His maternal grandparents

are Jim Cavanaugh and Jack Mitalovich, both of Granite City, and the late Cheryl Mitalovich.

The paternal grandparents are Jerry Chappell Sr. of DeSoto, Mo., and the late Barbara Turnbough.

Joseph joins Jonathan, 6, and Jordan, 5.

Taylor

Brad and Terrie Taylor of Collinsville have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Alyssa Lynn was born at 5:16 a.m. Aug. 2, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 8 pounds, 6

ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Kay and Chuck Ashburn of Collinsville. The paternal grandparents are Lann and Terry Taylor of Collinsville.

Goetter

Ronnie and Jeanette Goetter of Collinsville have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Kathryn Paige was born at 4:41 p.m. Aug. 4, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are James and Gladys Crowe of Caseyville. The paternal

grandparents are Lonnie Goetter Sr. of Collinsville and Pam Price of Glen Carbon.

Stanek

Greg and Teresa Stanek of Highland have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Austin Jacob was born at 4:45 a.m. Aug. 8, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

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Austin joins Dylan 3 1/2.

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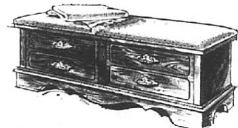
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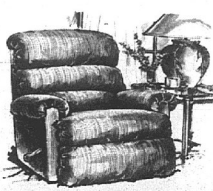
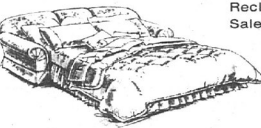


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Women's health care workshop topic

The women of Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church invite women of the local community to a luncheon and workshop at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26. The topic will be "Health Care in Women." There will be a special video and other materials available. Women of all ages are encouraged to attend the luncheon and workshop. For more information, call Barbara Madison at 451-6222.

Births

Connor Mullen
Garrett O. and Molly Kate Mullen of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Connor Patrick Mullen was born at 2 a.m. Sept. 22, 1995, at Lutheran Hospital in St. Louis and weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Kathie S. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williams, all of

Granite City. Paternal grandparents are B.G. and Orlin Mullen of Chester, Md.

Benjamin Hurt
Roland D. and Janet L. Hurt of Edwardsville have announced the birth of their third child, a son.

Benjamin Wesley Hurt was born at 4:28 a.m. Oct. 12, 1995, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis and weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Irma Wyatt of Berkeley, Mo. Paternal grandparents are Herman and Martha Hurt of Granite City. Benjamin joins Daniel Wayne Hurt and Timothy William Hurt.

Kyle Antonovich
Michael Antonovich Jr. and Jennifer E. Antonovich of Madison have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Kyle Edward Antonovich was born at 4:46 p.m. Oct. 19, 1995, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis and weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Charles and Donna Smith of Madison. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Carolyn Antonovich of Granite City.

Kyle joins Michael Aaron Antonovich, 5.

Elias Rushing
John Rushing and Ellen Stimson, both of Edwardsville, have announced the birth of a son.

Elias Winston Rushing was born at 10:32 a.m. Nov. 4, 1995, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis and

weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Lorraine Fogle of Granite City. Paternal grandmother is Dorothy Strain of Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.

His great-grandmother is Margaret Rimarchik of Granite City.

Elias joins Benjamin Stimson, 10, and Hannah Rushing, 6.

Dialogue to focus on Indian system

Ayurveda, ancient India's system of health and long life, will be the focus of Dialogue with Senior Citizens, Wednesday, Nov. 29, at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

This presentation will cover basic principles of living a wholesome life, including recommendations for mental attitude, diet and exercise (including yoga). Greg Fields, assistant professor of philosophy, will stress how India's ancient Ayurvedic medicine is still practiced in India and is spreading to other nations as the health sciences recognize the interdependence of body, mind and spirit. He will explain that Ayurveda holds that a person can live to be 100 years old, enjoying health and vitality until the end. Also discussed will be suggestions for "riding the waves" of one's energy in harmony with the cycles of the day and the seasons.

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Births

Bamper

Amy and David Bamper of Edwardsville have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Blake Hendricks was born at 7:53 p.m. July 1, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mary Hendricks of Fairview Heights and the late James Hendricks. The paternal grandparents are Brenda and Walter Bamper of Granite City.

Hanks

Edward and Darlene Rutkowski Hanks of Edwardsville have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Amber Lynn was born at 2:11 p.m. July 1, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Bonnie Rutkowski of Edwardsville and the late Chalky Rutkowski. The paternal grandparents are Andy and Bonnie Hanks of Worden.

Koskie

Mark and Teresa Koskie of Worden have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Danielle Marie was born at 7:40 a.m. July 1, 1995, at Alton Memorial Hospital in Alton. She weighed 5 pounds, 4 ounces.

Her maternal grandmother is Glenna Hannon of Caseyville. The paternal grandmother is Dolores Koskie of Caseyville.

East

Janon East of Granite City has announced the birth of their fourth child, a daughter.

Parc Lee was born at 12:59 p.m. July 30, 1995 at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 7 pounds.

Her maternal grandparents are Janice and Leo Welch of Worden.

Parc joins Cory, 4; Cory, 3; and Blake, 1.

Schmidt

Tom and Rhonda Schmidt of Mitchell have announced the birth of their second child, a

son.

Cody Austin Schmidt was born at 3:27 p.m. Aug. 16, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville and weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces. He was 20 1/2 inches long.

The mother is the former Rhonda Buckingham.

Maternal grandparents are Ronnie Buckingham of Farmington, Mo., and Debra Talley of Fairmont City. Paternal grandparents are Annette High of Salem, Ill.

Cody joins Tommy Schmidt, 1.

Alvers

Gary and Ann Alvers of Edwardsville have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Kendall Dean was born at 1:38 p.m. Sept. 19, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 4 pounds, 15 ounces.

His maternal grandparents are Dean and Judy Pletcher of Edwardsville. The paternal grandparents are James and Barbara Alvers of Edwardsville.

Schmidt

Tom and Rhonda Schmidt of Mitchell have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Cody Austin was born at 3:27 p.m. Aug. 16, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

His maternal grandparents are Debora Talley of Farmington City and Ronnie Buckingham of Farmington, Mo. The paternal grandparents are Annette High of Salem, Ill.

Cody joins Tommy, 4.

Harrington

Rick and Stacey Harrington of Troy have announced the birth of their third child, a son.

Trevor James Joseph was born at 5:55 p.m. Aug. 16, 1995, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

His maternal grandparents are Jim and Judy Broshow of Granite City. The paternal grandparents are Joe and Helen Harrington of Granite

City.

Trevor joins Jacob, 4 and Jeremy, 1-2.

Bradford

Robert and Leigh Ann Bradford of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Patrick Ryan Bradford was born at 6:17 p.m. Nov. 8, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces. He was 19 1/2 inches long.

The mother is the former Leigh Ann Cox.

Maternal grandparents are Joel and Maureen Cox of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Don and Gayla Bradford of Granite City and Vince and Pam Reinacher of Oakdale, Ill.

Baldwin

Phillip and Regina Baldwin of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Caleb William Baldwin was born at 10:58 p.m. Nov. 9, 1995, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis and weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces.

The mother is the former Regina Schreier.

Maternal grandparents are Wes and Linda Roberts of Cottage Hills. Paternal grandparents are Thomas and Betty Baldwin of Granite City.

Caleb joins Paige, 1.

Gardner


Kirk M. Gardner Jr. and La'Quencya Sherrell, both of Madison, have announced the birth of a daughter.

K'Liya Monia Lee Gardner was born at 11:37 p.m. Oct. 11, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

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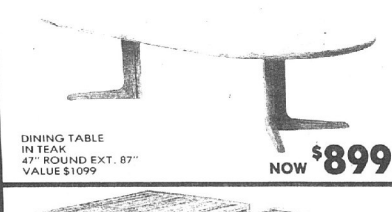
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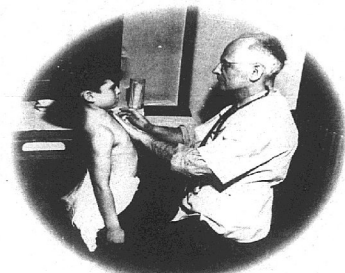
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Births

Spanberger
Joseph and Christina Spanberger of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son. Chad Christopher Spanberger was born at 3:59 p.m. Nov. 1, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces. The mother is the former Christina Kessler. Maternal grandparents are Claude and Carol Kessler of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Ed Spanberger and Claudette Huebner, both

of Granite City. Chad joins Cody, 2.
Needham
Jamie and Stacy Needham of Joliet have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter. Jordan Taylor Needham was born at 4:43 a.m. Nov. 4, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces. The mother is the former Stacy Pyles. Maternal grandparents are Delbert and Lynda Pyles of Granite City. Paternal grand-

parents are Jim and Shari Needham of Granite City.
Walker
Charles Walker Jr. and Crystal Andersen, both of Granite City, have announced the birth of their first child, a son. Dalton Grey Walker was born Nov. 6, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Christopher and Rhonda Andersen of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Chuck and Phyllis Walker of

Granite City.
Hall
Jerry and Connie Hall of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter. Tabitha Elizabeth Hall was born at 3:15 p.m. Nov. 7, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces. The mother is the former Connie Lynn Wethy. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wethy of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Butler

of Granite City. Tabitha joins Jerry A. Hall, 6.
Bell
Lynese S. Bell of Madison has announced the birth of her first child, a son. Martell JaVontae Bell was born at 8:57 p.m. Nov. 10, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces. His grandparents are Anthony Bell and Georgia Wallace, both of Madison.

Stagner
James "Monty" and Peggy Ann Stagner of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter. Paisley Ann Stagner was born at 7:13 p.m. Nov. 11, 1995, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 8 pounds. The mother is the former Peggy Vizer. Maternal grandparents are Rose Marie Vizer of Granite City and the late Joseph O. Vizer. Paternal grandparents are James L. and Alice D. Stagner of Granite City.

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Inflation in moderation

Economists dismiss inflation theories

By Roger McGrath
Correspondent

The adage "moderation in all things" has been taken to heart by some Congressists and politicians.

They argue that moderate inflation leads to a stronger economy and improves productivity. And that it is less costly to live with moderate inflation than to eliminate inflation.

Not so, counter economists Alan Marty and Daniel Thornton. Their examination of the arguments supporting a moderate-inflation policy "finds them to be lacking theoretically and, in some instances, empirically."

Indeed, some of the pro-moderate theories assume that consumers, investors and businesses will not act in an economically sound manner.

The debate over inflation policy is likely to heat up. A proposal before Congress would require the Federal Reserve Board to pursue a stable-price, or zero-inflation, policy.

Moderate-inflation forces maintain that moderate inflation enhances economic stability, increases output per worker, increases the efficiency of wage adjustments and enhances monetary policy.

Marty and Thornton, writing in the current issue of *Review*, published by the Federal

Reserve Bank of St. Louis, note that while the moderate-inflation arguments "lack explicit theoretical foundations, this has not prevented them from achieving an intellectual status among some economists and policymakers."

Their article dissects the moderate-inflation arguments and finds each lacking theoretical and real-world support. Marty is a professor of economics at City University of New York. Thornton is an economist at the St. Louis Fed.

The first problem with the moderate-inflation position is the definition of "moderate," they say.

"Some might consider moderate inflation to be 2 to 3 percent," Marty and Thornton say. "For others, any rate under 5 percent could be moderate. Still others might deem anything less than double-digit inflation moderate."

The moderate-inflation camp claims that higher inflation actually boosts capital formation and encourages businesses to invest in more productive plants and equipment, thus leading to higher output per worker.

That flies in the face of empirical, or real-world, evidence, the two economists say.

"The weight of evidence is that inflation discourages capital accumulation," they say.

Change in Medicare premium expected in 1996

By Bill Hunot

Debate about Medicare has inflamed Washington, D.C. Nobody knows what long-term changes will result from that debate, but we do know there will be an increase in the Medicare premium in 1996. Or a decrease.

Medicare administrators announced recently the monthly premium for Part B will decrease from \$46.10 per month to \$42.50 per month. However, Congress is reviewing the premium, and most observers expect legislators to increase it to about \$54. If Congress does not act, the premium decrease would be only the third in Medicare's 35-year history.

Part B, also known as Medical Insurance, helps pay for doctor bills, outpatient hospital care and durable medical equipment.

The most recent decline in the Part B premium occurred in 1990 as a result of the repeal of the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988.

The repeal eliminated the Medicare coverage of prescrip-

tion drugs that had been scheduled for 1991. Because that resulted in lower Part B expenditures, the premium fell from \$31.90 to \$28.60 per month.

A little historical perspective is needed to understand the uncertainty about the 1996 premium.

The original 1965 Medicare legislation provided that one-half of the cost of Part B would be paid by beneficiaries. The other half would be subsidized by the government's general revenues.

For example, in 1966 and 1967, Part B expenditures averaged \$6 per month per beneficiary, and the premium was \$3 per month. All Medicare beneficiaries — even the most affluent — benefit from this subsidy.

When Social Security beneficiaries began receiving automatic cost-of-living adjustments in 1975, Congress limited premium increases to no more than the rate of increase in Social Security benefits.

Since the cost of health care grew much faster than the rest

of the economy, the federal government's subsidy of Part B grew rapidly. By 1983, premiums were meeting only 22 percent of the cost of Part B.

In 1984, Congress set the premium at 25 percent of the cost of Part B.

That's where it remained until 1990, when Congress set the premiums for 1991 through 1995 at rates it estimated would meet the 25 percent of program costs for those years.

Medicare grew a little slower than expected during the 1990s.

So the preset 1995 premium of \$46.10 is actually meeting 31.5 percent of the actual 1995 program costs.

Without legislation, the 1996 premium would default to the pre-1990 law. Which means that even though the total Part B costs will increase in 1996, decreasing the premium to 25 percent of program costs would result in a lower premium.

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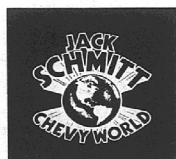
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In the military

Norman Hahn

Norman D. Hahn, son of Norman A. Carmond of Madison, has enlisted in the Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program.

Hahn will graduate in 1996 from Madison High School. He is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on June 6, 1996. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base, near San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training in the general aptitude career field.

Hahn will be earning credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

Keith Ragsdale

Keith M. Ragsdale of Granite City has joined the U.S. Army and has received the Army's written guarantee that he will receive training in the job specialty of his choice, infantryman.

Private Ragsdale will take basic and advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Ga., reporting for duty Aug. 21, 1996.

He is the son of Kenneth Ragsdale of Granite City.

Jo Headrick

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Jo A. Headrick, daughter of John W. and Barbara A. Headrick of Granite City, recently graduated from

recruit training.

During the training cycle at Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J., students are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training leading toward qualification in one of the Coast Guard's 26 occupational fields.

Studies also include first aid, seamanship, Coast Guard history and regulations, close-order drill and damage control. The 1996 graduate of Granite City High School joined the Coast Guard in July.

Michael Suermann

Air Force 2nd Lt. Michael C. Suermann has received silver wings after graduating from the Air Force undergraduate pilot training program at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Suermann is the son of Col. Thomas C. and June A. Suermann of Granite City.

He is a 1990 graduate of J.T. Haggard High School in Wilmington, N.C., and a 1994 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Andrew Darden

Navy Airman Recruit Andrew J. Darden, son of Andrew Darden Jr. of Madison, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Darden completed a variety of training that includ-

ed classroom study, practical, hands-on instruction and an emphasis on physical fitness.

Darden learned naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival and a variety of safety skills required for working around ships and aircraft.

He is a 1994 graduate of Venice High School.



Rosa Mendoza

Department of Defense civil

ian employee Rosa E. Moreno-Mendoza has been named "Civilian of the Quarter" for the Air Force News Agency at Kelly Air Force Base in Texas.

Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement and other accomplishments.

Mendoza is the daughter of J. Violeta Moreno and Juan A. Moreno, both of Jersey City, N.J.

Her husband, Michael, is the son of Hector Mendoza and Lucy Mendoza, both of Granite City.

Mendoza graduated in 1979 from Dickinson High School in Jersey City and received an associate degree in 1984 from Monterey Peninsula College in California. She is currently attending Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas, working toward a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Eric Coleman

Eric W. Coleman of Madison has joined the U.S. Army and has received the Army's written guarantee that he will receive training in the job specialty of his choice, chemical operations specialist.

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